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Mrs. R. E. ARNOLD, Secretary, Texas School Book Depository, advised she was in her office on the second floor of the building on November 22, 1963, and left that office between 12:00 and 12:15 PM, to go downstairs and stand in front of the building to view the Presidential Motorcade. As she was standing in front of the building, she stated she thought she caught a fleeting glimpse of LEE HARVEY OSWALD standing in the hallway between the front door and the double doors leading to the warehouse, located on the first floor. She could not be sure that this was OSWALD, but said she felt it was and believed the time to be a few minutes before 12:15 PM.

She stated thereafter she viewed the Presidential Motorcade and heard the shots that were fired at the President; however, she could furnish no information of value as to the individual firing the shots or any other information concerning OSWALD, whom she stated she did not know and had merely seen him working in the building.

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on 11/26/63 at Dallas, Texas File # DL 89-43

by Special Agent RICHARD E. HARRISON /rmb Date dictated 11/26/63

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See p. 74. This and the following FBI reports of interviews with Mrs. R.E. (Carolyn) Arnold must be read carefully and together. On November 26 she told the FBI she had seen Oswald on the first floor, before the assassination, at a time the FBI states she was not certain about, between 12:00 and 12:15. This alone required that she be a witness. She was not. Bear in mind that this is not her report but the FBI's representation of what she said. She was re-interviewed March 18, when she signed a statement that she wrote or was written for her by the interviewing FBI agents. That is the next document.

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"Dallas, Texas
March 18, 1964

"I, Mrs. R. E. (Carolyn) Arnold, hereby freely and voluntarily make the following statement to E. J. Robertson who has identified himself as a Special Agent of the F.B.I.

"My name is Carolyn Arnold and I am married to R. E. Arnold. I reside at 3325 South Tyler Street, Dallas, Texas. I am 20 years of age, born June 1, 1943, at Memphis, Tenn. I am a white female, and am employed by the Texas School Book Depository as a Secretary.

"On November 22, 1963, at the time President Kennedy was shot, I was standing in front of the Texas School Book Depository Building. I was with Mr. O. V. Campbell, 7120 Twin Tree Lane, Dallas; Mrs. L. C. (Bonnie) Richey, 220 South Marsalis, Apt. 117, Dallas; Mrs. Barney (Betty) Dragoo, 2705 West Brooklyn, Dallas; Mrs. Don (Virgie) Baker nee Rackley, 3600½ Live Oak, Dallas; and Miss Judy Johnson, 915 Sunnyside, Dallas, at the time President Kennedy was shot.

"I did not see Lee Harvey Oswald at the time President Kennedy was shot.

"On the morning of November 22, 1963, I do not remember seeing any stranger in the building housing the Texas School Book Depository.

"I left the Texas School Book Depository Building at about 12:25 PM, November 22, 1963, and never returned to this building on that date.

"I have read the above statement consisting of one and one-half pages and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ Mrs. R. E. (CAROLYN) ARNOLD

"Witnesses: E. J. ROBERTSON, Special Agent, FBI, Dallas, Texas, 3/18/64
THOMAS T. TRETTIS, Jr., Special Agent, FBI, Dallas, Texas, 3/18/64"

See p. 75. When re-interviewed almost four months later, Mr. Arnold was not asked if she saw Oswald as she left the building. She was asked if she saw him at the moment of the assassination. In this statement, which she signed, she says she left the building at 12:25. If she saw Oswald then, this alone proves his innocence. The failure of the FBI to get this clear and straight and of the Commission to call her and learn the truth is consistent only with a frameup of the dead accused Oswald.